

Currently in the UK, many children with diabetes are being denied proper care and support in schools.

children with Diabetes UK: <http://www.childrenwithdiabetesuk.org/>

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**School refused training.
Now home educated.**



**Made to feel an inconvenience
and had to change school.**

Hypos are when bloods go below 4



“It is very important that a hypo is treated quickly.

If it is left untreated, the blood glucose level will continue to fall and the child could become unconscious.

They should not be left alone during a hypo – nor be sent off to get food to treat it. **Recovery treatment must be brought to the child.**”

Diabetes UK,
Children with diabetes at school, What all staff need to know, Jan 2005

**However, parents have
encountered problems...**

The head would not allow my child to have Ribena in class (to keep him conscious when hypo)



she said the other children would want it

My child is made to walk downstairs alone to get his hypo treatment





The TA told me to change my child's pump settings to stop the hypos at 2.30pm as she has a class she should be in!



My child has to have his snack in a cupboard

The teacher says it is not fair on the other children if they see him eating in class



**My child is made to walk the corridor
unaided to get their hypo treatment**

My child was left sitting in a corridor on her own whilst having a severe hypo



She lost consciousness whilst unattended

**Some exclusions children
have encountered....**

I've been asked to collect my child
an hour early every Friday from Key Stage 1
as there is no one to look after him



I was told he'll only miss story and playtime!

Because of his diabetes, my child was excluded from geography trips



Obviously this affected his marks at GCSE

Due to past experiences with the school unable to manage my child's diabetes I asked to come along on the school trip because of his needs



The head told us that my child could not come and I could not either because "all the other kids would want their mothers!"

My son and another child with diabetes at the school did not go on the school trip

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Advocacy Group - Every Child Matters, or do they?
2008

Diabetes UK, Children with diabetes in school, What
all staff should know, January 2005